MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS, GMCW, MARCH 2, 1983

Present: Sumner, Sabacek, Maddox, Marti, Herman, Ziskind, Bohn, Heger, Janus, Sisson, Waldo, Richardson

Conveyed Absence: Bowen

Bowen Bohn indicated that Bowen would not be at the meeting since his mother had passed away and the funeral was that day. Bohn has Bowen's proxy.

Announcements Sumner reviewed the rehearsal schedule. He indicated that a group of individuals will be going to Foundry Methodist Church, the site of the Spring concert to look at the space and facilities. Bowen was to make the arrangements so nothing was finalized at the meeting.

Marti Sumner indicated that Board Member Phil Marti is being assigned to Florida for a two month period effective in several weeks. Marti and Sumner had some discussion as to whether Marti should resign his Board seat or remain. They decided that it would be desirable to present these options to the rest of the Board for an informal "sense." This was done, and the desire was for Marti to remain on the Board despite his two-month absence.

Minutes Approved The minutes of the meetings of December 12, 1982, January 19, 1983 and February 2, 1983 were distributed for approval. Several changes were made to the minutes of the February 2 meeting as follows: Under 4/3 sentence should read "Jim Richardson discussed amending the termination date of Armstrong's contract to be even sooner than April 30, 19893. Waldo moved to make the effective date thirty days from tonight." In 7/3 compensation figure should be changed to: "in the neighborhood of $200-300/mo." 6/3 should be amended to indicate that the Board authorized Sumner to appoint the chair of the Search and Selection Committee. Maddox moved that the minutes by approved as corrected . Passed. Sumner indicated that the minutes of the meeting of December 8, 1982 had still not been located.

Election of Vice-President Sumner indicated that he had not been successful in finding anyone who was willing to serve as Vice President. After some discussion, Sabacek indicated a willingness to accept this position. Waldo nominated Sabacek as Vice President. Ziskind seconded. Nominations were closed and Sabacek was unanimously elected.

Encourage Participation Sumner urged all Board members to actively seek individuals in the organization willing to assume responsibilities, and who may be good candidates for the Board. The Membership Committee is working on a skills inventory for members.

Finances Heger reported a balance of approximately $4600, which does include advance dues. Heger also reported that he had an individual who is willing to perform the Audit for FY'82. All loans on the Wolf Trap Fundraiser will be paid of by June of this year.

University of Maryland Concert (April 8) Heger reported that as of February 28, 1983, no definite answer had been received by our contact at U of Md from the University as to when the Ballroom which had been destroyed by fire would be available. Heger indicated that time was running out, and that it would be advisable to let this slide and set a later date. Heger feels that perhaps a performance in the Fall would be a good way to kick of the season at U of Md. There was a consensus of the Board to bow out at this time and consider a Fall program.

Position Description for Music Director Herman reported that he had met with his committee, had prepared a first draft which was circulated to committee members as well as several other appropriate individuals (Bohn, Sumner, Richardson, Sisson) and had received some comments. He is incorporating these into a second draft to be distributed to the Board for comments/suggestions, along with areas needing some discussion by the Board.

Music Director Search and Selection Committee Sumner reported that he does not have the forms on which members were asked to indicate an interest in serving on the Search and Selection Committee. These were given to Bowen at Sunday evening's rehearsal, and Bowen is not in attendance. Sumner indicated that he wished to name three individuals in addition to the two co-chairs, Sisson and Bohn. There was discussion about ensuring balance on the committee (individuals representative of a broad spectrum of the music repertoire). Richardson indicated that he had approached Paul Hume about the possibility of serving in an advisory capacity and Hume was interested. Sumner indicated that he will provide Steve Martz of the Blade with information for Community Notes. He also indicated that the procedures under which the Search and Selection Committee will operate must be established. Since Bowen has the interest sheets, a decision on the other three members is being deferred.

Repertoire Advisory Committee The interest sheets filled out by members to service on this Committee were also given to Bowen on Sunday, and appointments to this Committee are also being deferred.

GPD Concert Rehearsal Schedule The formal rehearsal period for the June GPD concert will being on Sunday, April 17.

Transfer of Hot Flashes to PR/Publications Committee Sabacek indicated that the process for getting HF produced has broken down. He is prepared to do HF for this Sunday. The matter of a long-range solution has not been settled, and the transfer is being deferred.

Business Manager Sumner indicated that with the budget over, Heger paying bills and collection matters being handled on Sunday evenings, the major thing left is invoicing. It was felt that this could also be done on Sunday evenings. Further, Sumner has been unable to find a willing, good candidate for the position. He indicated that some of the major areas requiring attention at this point include: search for alternate rehearsal space, June concert site, all plans for June concert, and work on the Fall joint concert.

Production of June Concert Sumner indicated that he was very interested in putting on the June Concert. All at the meeting felt that this would be an excellent idea, and each of the Board members would assume some more responsibilities, to relieve Sumner so that he could concentrate on that production. Bowen will be working on this concert as well.

Site for June Concert No site has been found for the June cabaret/revue-style concert. Discussion was held concerning the possibility of a downtown hotel. This will be pursued. Sumner indicated that we still have a hold on Lisner, but that the expenses would be greater at Lisner that what was budgeted for the June concert and using Lisner would reduce the anticipated income from $4950 to $3170.

Alternate Rehearsal Space There is nothing to report about this at present.

Invitation to Appear at Stein Banquet The Chorus has received an invitation to appear at the Gertrude Stein Banquet on Tuesday, April 19 (the Tuesday between the Chorus's two regular Spring performances). We will probably do one piece (and perhaps an encore), and receive compensation of approximately $250. Maddox indicated that if we accept, it would have to be as the whole Chorus. Sumner stated that the $250 should be a consideration since we had projected receiving $850 in revenue from the now-cancelled U of Md. concert. Ziskind felt that it is important for us to do this since there are over 500 people expected, and the exposure would be excellent, and would most probably help us sell tickets for the second of the Spring concerts. Waldo indicated that we were invited, but had not done this last year, and should do it. Waldo indicated that if we do it, we should do at least three numbers, and inform the membership of this commitment this week. Richardson indicated that we should not do more pieces than requested, but should be ready with an encore if appropriate. Behold Man would be an appropriate selection. There followed some discussion on the possible legal implications of appearing before Stein and how that would effect the Chorus's 501(c) status. Waldo moved to accept this invitation pending approval from Janus as to the legal acceptability, and pending a polling of the membership to ascertain number of members who will sing, and the musical balance of the group. Motion passed.

Baltimore GCC Sumner reported on an invitation to appear at the Baltimore GCC annual fundraising banquet sometime around the end of April. There is however, no site at present. The consensus of the Board was that we would not push this.

Possible Concerts Sumner reported that there are have been some possibilities of performing in a series in the City of Alexandria, and at a waterfron park series. Considering these for July or early August was felt to be desirable.

Joint Concert with Los Angeles and Seattle Sumner reported that the date of September 6, 1983 at Lisner had been confirmed with Seattle and Los Angeles. A draft contract has been sent to both groups, and we are presently awaiting reaction. At present we are aiming for April 1, 1983 for a final contract, so we can place a deposit with Lisner. Maddox reported that Los Angeles is planning to arrive on Labor Day. The Board of GMCW feels strongly that they must be here before that (over the weekend) to ensure adequate publicity and preparation time, especially for the joint pieces.

Summer Rehearsal Schedule Sabacek indicated that we should move quickly on establishing a summer rehearsal schedule. Sundays may be inadvisable. However, there are members with weeknight conflicts. We might alternate between Sunday and Monday evenings. A good deal depends on new rehearsal space.

COAST Nothing new to report.

Proposed Travel Expense Reimbursement Policy Tabled

Authorization to Sign Contracts Sumner indicated that previosly the Business Manager had signed contracts. Since there was not Business Manager, Sumner recommended that the appropriate Committee Chairman be authorized to sign Contracts. Waldo moved this. Passed.

Vests Bohn distributed the results of the questionnaire indicating strong interest in purchasing vests quickly. There was discussion about a red and black vest which could conceivably be purchased at a low price. Bohn was to contact the manufacturer and ascertain all information on this item. Richardson made a motion authorizing Bohn to act on this matter. Approved.

PR/FR Division Report Ziskind reported that he had distributed his report in advance. He indicated that he had worked with Maddox, Bohn, and Bowen on submitting a grant to D.C. Sumner indicated that we should start looking at Foundations. Ziskind discussed the concept of dinner parties sponsored by the Board and interested members at their house. These have proven to be an effective means of fundraising.

Financial Assistance A case was brought to the Board of a member who was, at present unable to pay dues. A motion was made by Richardson to defer requesting dues from the member for up to six months, and reviewing the situation at that time. Passed. Marti moved that future cases be decided by the Executive Committee or a committee provided for that purpose. Passed.

Friends Coatroom Maddox indicated he had noone to cover the 10-2 shift at the Friends Coatroom. Sisson volunteered.

GALA Maddox is going to GALA in Denver this week. Marti moved that Maddox be designated an official delegate, and that he be excused from the two rehearsals on Saturday, March 5 and Sunday March 6. Passed.

Proxy Heger had to leave the meeting at 9:05 p.m. and gave Waldo is proxy.

Additional Board Meeting Sumner indicated that additional matters such as appointment of members to the Search and Selection Committee requires an additional meeting. This will be held on March 23, 1983 at 7:30 p.m. at Louie's.

Adjournment Meeting adjourned at 11:15 p.m.